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NOTES AND FRAGMENTS

HISTORICAL ELECTION BALLOTS.—Printed below are copies of ballots used in Nacogdoches and Angelina Counties in the special election held on Saturday, January 19, 1861, to elect delegates to the "Secession" Convention of Texas. The faction supporting state action and a Southern Confederacy was for immediate secession, while the "Southern Coöperationists" favored joint action of the Southern states *within* the Union in the hope of obtaining some satisfactory compromise with the Northern states, with secession only as a final resort. Both sides agreed that the proceedings of the Convention should be submitted to the vote of the people, chiefly because there was some doubt as to the legality of the election, which had not been ordered by the legislature, but called by a group of citizens.

In Nacogdoches and Angelina the Coöperationists won, electing their full ticket. The certificates of election are printed in Winkler, *Journal of the Secession Convention of Texas, 1861*, pp. 412-413. Three of the four delegates elected were already members of the legislature, Fall, a senator, and Clark and Edwards, representatives. When the legislature, which convened a few days later, passed a joint resolution assenting to and approving the call of the Convention, Fall voted for the resolution and Clark and Edwards against it. These three were admitted to seats in the Convention on January 30. There is no record that Guinn ever attended. Clark, Edwards and Fall voted *for* the ordinance of secession on its final passage, and also for submitting it to the people for ratification.

State Action.¹

SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY.

All acts of the Convention to be submitted to the People.

For Nacogdoches and Angelina.

M. G. Whitaker.

For Nacogdoches.

George F. Moore,

B. Hardeman.

¹The originals of these ballots were presented to the Library of the University of Texas by Mr. H. W. McGee, of Marshall, Texas.

SOUTHERN CO-OPERATION TICKET.

The Proceedings of the Convention to be submitted to the People.

FOR DELEGATES.

H. H. Edwards,
Wm. Clark, Jr.,
J. N. Fall,
J. W. Guinn.

C. W. RAMSDELL.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Ewing Genealogy with Cognate Branches. A survey of the Ewings and their kin in America. By Presley Kittredge Ewing and Mary Ellen (Williams) Ewing. 1919. Pp. XIV, 185, XLV.

This is the title of a book of more than ordinary interest. The compilers became residents of Houston in 1882, soon after their marriage, and almost immediately began to fill important places in the community. The passing of Mrs. Ewing on April 1, 1919, was a loss, not only to her family and near friends, but to many branches of useful, beneficent work in which she was engaged. The beautiful "In Memoriam" which adorns the first pages of the book is touchingly pathetic in its tribute to one who was distinguished by her helpfulness in every phase of her life.

The book comprises 180 pages, exclusive of illustrations and index. The coats of arms of the Ewings and Kittredge families, and that of Williams, are appropriately placed with their respective records, and these, together with pictures of twenty-four members of families, and two homesteads, complete a set of illustrations reflecting the general excellence of the volume.

The Ewing family traces its descent from Scotch Irish ancestors, who lived near Stirling Castle, Scotland, and Coleraine, Ireland, through the first emigrant who came to America in the early part of the eighteenth century, down to the present generation. Mrs. Ewing's genealogy, as shown in the family trees of Williams, Field, and Mills, illustriously woven into the history of England, and transplanted into the colonies of America, contributed liberally to the upbuilding of the nation.

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